



# Merrick County Board Minutes



**June 24, 2014**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Jefferson, Kucera, Hahn, Weller and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Jefferson, second Kucera to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:08 a.m.

**Agenda:** Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Minutes:** Moved Kucera, second Hahn to approve the minutes as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting reports:** Hahn attended the Housing Authority meeting in Loup City and Hahn and Graves attended the Senior Center meeting last Thursday; Graves attended the safety meeting and Chad Engle from NIRMA was present there; Weller attended two Bader Park meetings; Helgoth and Wiegert attended the 4-H Building meeting yesterday; Wiegert attended the Central District Health budget meeting.

**Official's reports:** Assessor Placke said they are testing their website and probably will be going live next week.

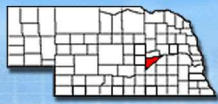
Extension Educator Tammy Stuhr said they had 24 kids attend their robotics camp. The new building will be around a 3.6 million to 3.7 million dollar project. County Attorney Homolka said that Thursday she would be in court during the tax protests, but her Deputy would be attending the meeting.

**Bader Park budget:** Pat Carlson gave a handout to the Board showing what the park had done in 2013 in regards to passes. Attached was a copy of their 2014 budget for expenses totaling \$113,488.00. Carlson said that she was not going to submit a budget request but leave it up to the Board as to what they want to give the park. In her handout, without funding the park budget will be short \$19,000.00. Carlson said she understands that is a lot of money. The house and the old bath house are the only structures owned by the County. The other structures are owned by Bader Park but the County insures them.

**Bond for 4-H building:** Andy Forney with D.A. Davidson said the County and Ag Society are looking at a new 4-H Building and maybe an arena. Forney went over with the County Board what the Ag Society and the County can do in order for them to get a bond. They could form a Joint Public Agency to make the most efficient use of their taxing authority and other powers consisting of three to five members, two from the Ag Society and three from the County Board or one from the Ag Society and two from the County Board. They also were given a copy of the bond that Cass County has done for their building and what it looked like. Extension Educator Tammy Stuhr went over the drawing of the new building and arena and said the cost for a 4-H building without an attached arena would be around 3.6 million and a 4-H building with an attached arena around 3.7 million. An additional \$250,000.00 max would be needed to run water, sewer, electrical, etc. to the location. The new building would consist of a multipurpose room with seating for 500, kitchen, conference room, three offices, storage room, work area, and reception area, and restrooms. Stuhr said they are going to do fundraisers and may get money from the Merrick Foundation to bring in more revenue to go towards this project. Weller said that he doesn't feel that they have good enough numbers to move forward with bonds at this time.

**Bader Park:** Chapman Rural Fire Chief Francis McCulla asked the Board for an executive session concerning Pat Carlson and when they asked Pat Carlson if she wanted this issue in closed or open session, she said open. McCulla told the Board that during the storms on Saturday, June 14, 2014 they and the law enforcement had issues with Park Manager Pat Carlson. He said she was out of control. When a deputy went to remove the radio from Carlson, she threw it at him, she got verbal with the assistant fire chief who was camping there but was also spotting. She was cussing and swearing at McCulla because they sounded the siren. McCulla asked a deputy to remove Carlson from the fire hall because she would not leave. He knew that campers left that night and early the next morning. McCulla said he wanted to know who was in charge because life safety is his main concern. Weller said that the County is not in charge of employing Carlson or the operation part of Bader Park, the Platte Peer Group is so he would need to take his concerns to them. The Platte Peer Group has their own liability insurance and the County only funds so much. McCulla said the radio at Bader Park needs to be updated and would cost about \$1,500.00, but Carlson says she doesn't have the funds for it. To put up a new small siren there would cost about \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00. McCulla said he would talk to the Platte Peer Group about what happened because he wants to know who is in charge during these kind of things.

**Overlay Bids:** Moved Weller, second Graves to open bids for an overlay from the corner north of Worms and east three miles. Roll Call: All Ayes. Highway Superintendent Meyers open bids from Gary Smith Construction, J.I.L. Asphalt



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Paving Co., and Constructors, Inc. Bids were submitted for asphaltic concrete type SPR for 6,510.00 ton, tack coat, 6,250.000gal, and cold milling class 1, 207.940 Sta. by unit price, total price and grand total for all three items and are as follows: Gary Smith Construction Co, Inc.: Asphaltic Concrete Type SPR- 6,510.000ton Unit Price: \$54.65 a ton, total \$355,771.50; Tack Coat- 6,250.000gal Unit Price: \$1.00, total \$6,250.00; Cold Milling Class 1-207.940 Sta.: Unit Price \$187.55, total \$ 38,999.15 for grand total of \$401,020.65 with a start date of August 11, 2014: J.I.L. Asphalt Paving Co.: Asphaltic Concrete Type SPR-6,510.000ton; \$59.10, total \$384,741.00; Tack Coat-6,250.000gal Unit Price: \$1.10, total \$6,875.00; Cold Milling Class 1-207.940Sta; \$207.00, total \$43,043.85 for grand total \$434,659.85 with at start date of August 24, 2014; Constructors Inc.: Asphaltic Concrete Type SPR-6,510.000ton; \$56.00, total \$364,560.00; Tack Coat 6.250.000 gal; Unit Price: \$1.40, total \$8,750.00; Cold Milling Class 1- 207.940Sta. Unit Price: \$200.00, total \$41,588.00 for a grand total of \$414,898.00 with start date of August 18, 2014. Moved Weller, second Graves to go with the low bid from Gary Smith Construction Co. Inc. for a grand total of \$401,020.65. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Jefferson to close the bid for an overlay at 10:42 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**County tax sale:** County Treasurer Bolte presented a list of properties that will go on the County tax sale.

**RESOLUTION 2014-11:** Treasurer Bolte needs the Board's approval to have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2014-11 authorizing her to transfer \$150,000.00 from the General Fund to the Inheritance Fund. Moved Graves, second Jefferson to approve the Chairman signing RESOLUTION 2014-11 authorizing the County Treasurer to transfer \$150,000.00 from the General Fund to the Inheritance Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2014-11 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**Bond payment:** County Treasurer gave the Board a handout showing the Courthouse bond payment that is due July 1, 2014 of \$124,156.25. The principal is \$105,000.00 and the interest is \$19,156.25.

**Subgrant Agreement for Child Support Enforcement Services/Clerk of District Court:** The new Subgrant Agreement for Child Support Enforcement Services/Clerk of District Court was presented to the Board for their approval of the Chairman signing it. Moved Kucera, second Jefferson to approve the Chairman signing the Subgrant Agreement for Child Support Enforcement Services/Clerk of District Court. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Central District Health budget:** The 2014-2015 budget for Central District Health was presented to the Board for \$27,685.16 which is the same amount as last year.

**EPC Letter of Agreement:** The EPC Letter of Agreement between Merrick County and Region 3 Behavioral Health Services was presented to the Board for their approval of the Chairman signing. The 2014 Nebraska Legislature passed a 2.25% rate increase for all behavioral health services, so beginning July 1, 2014 Region 3's EPC rate will be \$721.89. County Attorney Homolka said that the County hardly ever pays any of this because a hearing is heard first. Moved Jefferson, second Graves to approve the Chairman signing the new EPC Letter of Agreement between Merrick County and Region 3 Behavioral Health Services. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Delta Dental Contract:** The Delta Dental Contract was presented for renewal. Moved Weller, second Kucera to renew the Delta Dental Contract. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Janitorial Contract:** County Attorney Homolka presented a new janitorial contract with Brite Express that will be in effect until September 15, 2014 for the Board approval. Moved Graves, second Jefferson to approve the renewal of the Janitorial Contract with Brite Express. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**June 2014 payroll:** The June 2014 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$98,914.04 Net: \$71,083.54 Roads: Gross: \$49,139.44 Net: \$33,774.34 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,472.71 Net: \$1,668.69. Moved Weller, second Graves to approve the June 2014 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Adjourn:** Moved Kucera, second Weller to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk